

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) and (b) A statement* furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(c) Yes. Rs. 5,000.

Suspension and forfeiture of badges of motor drivers.

243. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the Regulation or authority under which the Police Commissioner suspends motor badges;

(b) the Section of the Criminal Procedure Code which permits the inflicting of double punishments;

(c) whether the Commissioner of Police published a notification dated the 30th June 1929 stating that the drivers who have been punished 3 times within 12 months will have their badges forfeited, etc., on his own authority or with the sanction of the Government;

(d) whether the Commissioner has given retrospective effect to his notification;

(e) whether the victims of this notification approached the Government and complained of the illegal act of the Commissioner in giving retrospective effect to the notification;

(f) what action was taken by Government relating to such cases; and

(g) whether the badge of one Gopala Panikkar was suspended for committing one offence after the notification?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) Section 12 (2) (d) of the Motor Vehicles Regulation, VI of 1094, and Rule 31 (F) of the Rules issued thereunder.

(b) Government are not aware of any such Section in the Criminal Procedure Code. The punishments are inflicted under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Regulation and Rules.

(c) The notification was published by the Commissioner of Police on his own authority.

(d) The notification has not been given retrospective effect.

(e) and (f) The Eight Seater Service Syndicate, Trivandrum, complained that the Commissioner has given retrospective effect to the notification. Government enquired into the matter and they found that the notification was merely a warning issued by the Commissioner of Police as to the procedure he intended to adopt in the matter of cancelling or suspending badges in virtue of the powers devolving on him under the Regulation and the Rules in force and it was thus regular and valid. A reply to this effect has been given to the Syndicate.

(g) The answer is in the affirmative.

Registration Test Examination and appointment of clerks in the Registration Department.

244. MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

* Vide Appendix XXV—page 88.